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1A News

Spring is here!

We are learning all about the changes that are happening all around us. This is a great time to go for a Spring walk at home and talk about what you see.

It is also that time of year where we begin to think about planning and preparing our gardens. This includes the EMP garden project that is spearheaded by the grade 1's and 4's. There is so much to do to prepare it for the coming year. If you have a green thumb and would like to help with prepping, planning and planting, please let me know. Many hands make for light work!



Dear 1A Parents,

I hope that you had a fabulous Spring Break! We are down to the final stretch this school year, so I hope that you are all well rested and ready to go!

Please take the opportunity to read our April Newsletter so that you can see what we have in store for this month!

Mme Fry

Save the Date!

April 12th

10:30am Easter
Mass

April 15th -22nd

5:30pm EMP School
Carnival

April 21st

Hot lunch

April 22nd

PD day NO school

Social Studies

Students are learning all about maps. We are exploring different types of maps and what types of things are typically found in a map. We recently learned that maps are created from a bird's eye view and include such things as a compass rose, a title, a legend, a scale and symbols. I would encourage the students to create their own maps at home of their neighborhood, their home, their bedroom, or a favorite park. Any students who do so are welcome to share their maps with the class during Social Studies this month.

Math

We have now launched our unit on measurement. We have learned about measuring length and about the vocabulary that we use to describe this type of measurement. We will additionally be learning about measuring distance, capacity, weight and surface area. You can continue to keep up to date by checking out our website.

French

Students recently finished learning about and using Easter themed vocabulary.

We are currently learning about dental health and as such are doing a mini unit on teeth in French.

We will be learning and writing about how to take care of our teeth, as well as about the exciting changes that we are noticing in our mouths this year as our teeth get loose and start to fall out. If you or anyone you know is a dentist or a hygienist and would be interested in coming in to talk with the students, please let me know!

English

We are currently learning about non-fiction writing and research. We have talked about the differences between fiction and non-fiction writing, and have talked about how and why we read both genres. Students have additionally learned what it means to research and that they can gather information from a variety of sources. They will soon have the opportunity to choose a research topic. If you have the chance, please talk to your child about what they would like to research and how they plan to find information on the topic.

Science

We are finishing up our unit on building things and will be done by the end of this week. We will then begin talking about spring as well as the needs to plants and animals as we prepare our garden for a new growing season. Again, if this is something that interests you, please let us know as we are often short of helping hands.

Have a fantastic April!